

## DIVORCE CASES IN

## SUPERIOR COURT

Three Granted by Superior Court—Two Wives and One Husband Were the Petitioners—Norwich Man's Petition to Be Further Investigated—Wife in Waterford Writes Letter.

Three divorces, all on the uncontested list, were granted by Judge Milton A. Shumway at the short calendar session of the superior court here on Friday, but one petitioner failed to secure the divorce he sought. The judge took the papers in this case for further investigation.

On the grounds that she was deserted by her husband Walter Gilbert Woodworth, now of Hartford, Myrtle Belle Woodworth of New London, whose maiden name was Burrows, was given a divorce from him. They were married April 12, 1905 and she claimed that he deserted her in August five years later. The wife was given the custody of a six year old son.

In answer to the question of her counsel, Attorney C. H. Hull, Mrs. Woodworth said that her husband went to Hartford to live with his mother and that she is supported, with her 4 year old son, by her father in New London. Her husband has since been heard from but not written to her since he went to Hartford.

Talked About Another Woman. John H. Dayton of New London, admitted to insuring Woodworth talk about another woman and say that he was going to leave his wife and live in Chicago.

For his wife's unfaithfulness to her marriage vows, Milbur E. Otis of East Lyme was granted a divorce from Rita M. Otis of Litchfield, whose maiden name was Clark and to whom he was married on December 13, 1911 at Winchester, Conn., by Rev. J. W. Osmun. The acts of indecency were alleged to have been committed at Lyme and elsewhere between that date and November 1, 1913. John H. Barnes was attorney for Mr. Otis.

Wife Liked to Flirt. Mr. Otis testified that his wife liked to flirt with other men and she once kept house for a Mr. Corbin for four weeks and told her husband that she lived with Mr. Corbin as his wife. In answer to other questions from Attorney John H. Barnes, who was counsel for Mr. Otis, the latter told that his wife had been arrested in several cities for street walking and although he had tried to get her to live right it had been no use.

Judge Shumway asked the witness a number of questions as to the witness' own mode of life and as to condoning the way his wife had lived. Sergeant Patrick Hayes of the Putnam police testified to the habits of Mrs. Otis while at the Putnam hotel. Intolerable cruelty was the grounds upon which May M. Vallee of New London obtained divorce from Walter H. Vallee of parts unknown. They were married on October 27, 1909, the wife's maiden name being Morey and the cruel acts of which she complained were alleged to have taken place since January 1, 1911. The wife was given the custody of one child.

Husband Broke Up the Home. Mrs. Vallee gave testimony that she had been married but a short time when her husband began to quarrel with her. They lived in New Haven, Boston and Springfield, but he pawned her rings and broke up the home.

Had to go to her parents in New London. Since before she had started action for divorce, but she withdrew it at the request of her husband. Later she often was beaten by her husband and had to go to a hospital on account of his treatment of her. He was addicted to drink, she told her counsel, Attorney O. C. Morgan, but she loved him and tried to live with him.

The plaintiff's mother, Mrs. Addie Brown, of New London, testified that her daughter was beaten by Vallee. Armstrong Divorce Suit. The divorce suit of William H. Armstrong of this city and Ella Daniels, Armstrong, alleged to be of parts unknown, was presented by his attorney, Thayer E. Babbitt.

When called to the stand Mr. Armstrong testified that he was born in this city and has lived here continuously since 1873, marrying in 1880, and that his wife left him in 1901. He had not heard from her wife since. At that time she left him to live with relatives on the West Side. He said there was trouble between them on account of his wife wanting to keep a lot of poor relatives in her home.

Judge Shumway questioned Mr. Armstrong about living in Sterling and also asked him if he had not been married before, to which the witness gave the answer that he had. That Ella Daniels was his only wife, Mr. Jesse H. McDowell of Hyde Avenue testified to knowing the Armstrong family when they lived in a house owned by her grandmother, and she knew about Mrs. Armstrong leaving the home.

Mrs. Grace D. Miller of Town street testified that she knew Mrs. Armstrong and that she had worked hard for her husband, doing washing for railroad men and that she had left him after he had kicked and injured her.

Letters From Wife in Waterford. Then Judge Shumway called Mr. Armstrong up in front of the bench and questioned him sharply after having him look at a letter which Mrs. Armstrong had written from Waterford to the assistant clerk of the court.

Mr. Armstrong said he would not swear that the writing in the letter was that of his wife but it looked very much like it. The letter said that Mrs. Armstrong was in Waterford and had a little time to read the paper but that a neighbor had shown her the printed order of notice in the divorce suit and her husband was bringing. In the letter she wrote Armstrong would be a bigamist if he married her again for he had married a wife the year before and she did not know about it until she found this marriage certificate in a trunk. She wrote that the other woman's name was Arnold and that she was married to Armstrong by Justice Bigelow in Sterling and was now living in Providence. Mrs. Armstrong further wrote that she had worked hard for her husband, doing washing for railroad men and that she had left him after he had kicked and injured her.

Mr. Armstrong admitted to the court that he married a girl who was about 16, but a lawyer told him, right before his father and mother, that the marriage was illegal, and he paid the lawyer \$10 to have the marriage taken off the records.

Judge Shumway told the petitioners counsel that a divorce could not be given under the apparent circumstances, but possibly there might be an annulment of the marriage, and that the matter will have to be investigated. The case of the divorce of Mary Wells Tyler vs. Edward Tyler was postponed.

## CLAIMS DAMAGE THROUGH CHANGE OF GRADE

Suit in Superior Court Brought Against City of New London.

Richard H. Miller of New London has instituted an action against the city alleging damages to his property on Williams street by reason of a change in grade of the street of \$1,500. The case is returnable to the May term of the superior court.

Mr. Miller alleged that in 1912 the city's servants caused a change of grade to be made when the granite sidewalks were installed, raising quantities of earth and damaging or destroying shade trees.

The suit is the first that has been instituted against the city by property owners of that section of Williams street.

## MAKE THIS STORE YOUR HEADQUARTERS

Visitors to Norwich during Merchants' Week are invited to make this store their headquarters. Use our Rest Room on Third Floor and arrange to meet your friends there. Leave your packages here also while you visit around town.

## The Porteous &amp; Mitchell Co.

## Today—Saturday—The Last Day of Merchants' Week

A SUCCESS FROM THE FIRST DAY, THE FIRST MERCHANTS' WEEK WILL GO ON RECORD AS BEING ONE OF THE LIVELIEST TRADING PERIODS THIS STORE OR CITY HAS EVER SEEN. THE SPLENDID OFFER OF NORWICH MERCHANTS TO REBATE FARES TO ALL OUT-OF-TOWN CUSTOMERS, WHO DO THEIR TRADING DURING MERCHANTS' WEEK, IS MEETING WITH A BIG RESPONSE. DURING THE WEEK, SO FAR, WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING CUSTOMERS WHO CAME FROM ALL PARTS OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN RHODE ISLAND—THEY WERE ALL PLEASED, VERY MUCH PLEASED. WE HOPE TO MEET AND SERVE MANY MORE STRANGERS TODAY, THE LAST DAY OF MERCHANTS' WEEK.

Do your shopping at this store and your fare will be paid to Norwich and return in accordance with "Merchants' Week" plan.

REMEMBER--That in addition to refunding fares that we are offering special values all over the store. These offerings are for everybody--our city customers as well as out-of-town patrons. Don't fail to take advantage of them

Do your shopping at this store and your fare will be paid to Norwich and return in accordance with "Merchants' Week" plan.

## These Special Offerings Will Continue In Force Until Our Store Closes On Saturday Evening

## OUR MEN'S STORE

Everything in Men's Wear Outfitters to Man and Boy Clothing, Hats, Shirts, Neckwear, Hosiery, Etc.

HERE ARE SPECIAL VALUES FOR MERCHANTS' WEEK

Men's and Youths' Blue Serge Suits—the material is strictly all wool in both plain serge and shadow stripe, two and three button models—our regular \$15.00 Suits at \$10.95

Men's and Youths' Spring Weight Top Coats, in black and Oxford, material is strictly all wool, silk-lined throughout and faced to the edge—our regular \$15.00 Top Coats at \$12.95

Men's and Youths' Rain Coats—these Coats are of double texture material, full lined and all seams strapped—our regular \$8.50 Rain Coats at \$4.79

## Special Sale of Men's Shirts

Men's Outing Shirts, with attached collar, in a wide range of designs, including stripes and plain colors, good 50c value, at 42c

Men's Negligee Shirts in a broad assortment of fabrics, designs and colorings—materials are regular \$1.50 values at 89c

Men's Soft Shirts with collar to match and French cuffs, material is fine quality mercerized cotton—regular \$1.50 Shirts at \$1.19

Men's White Outing Shirts with attached collar, made of extra serviceable materials that are sure to give satisfactory wear, regular \$1.50 Shirts at \$1.05

Men's Soft Shirts in the newest style mercerized material with raised white stripes—also the new Silk Boston Shirts with mercerized bodies to match, sizes 14 to 17, regular \$2.00 Shirts at \$1.59

## OTHER MERCHANTS' WEEK SPECIALS

During Merchants' Week we offer special values in Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods, Cottons, Table Linens, Toweling, Towels, Etc.

## One Pair of Hosiery Free

During Merchants' Week, we will have a demonstration and sale of the famous "Burson" Seamless for Women's Hosiery. As a special inducement during this sale, with every purchase of Burson Hosiery amounting to \$1.00 or over, WE WILL GIVE ABSOLUTELY FREE, ONE PAIR OF BURSON 35c HOSE. Burson Hosiery is made in all styles—prices 19c, 25c and 35c a pair.

## Other Hosiery and Underwear Specials

Women's Past Black Seamless Cotton Hosiery, good 12½c value at 3 for 25c or a pair..... 9c

Women's Shaped Vests, high and low neck styles, good 25c value at 3 for 50c or each..... 17c

Women's Summer Weight Union Suits, both regular and extra large sizes, 37½c value at 29c..... 29c

Women's Summer Weight Ribbed Vests, sleeveless, good 12½c value at 3 for 25c or each..... 9c

Women's Lace Trimmed Ribbed Pants, sizes 4, 5 and 6, regular 25c value—price a piece..... 19c

Women's Summer Weight Union Suits, of fine combed yarn, lace trimmed, 50c value at..... 44c

## Muslin Underwear—House Dresses

Women's Night Gowns, V neck, long sleeves, Hamburg trimmed, value 50c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 42c

Women's Night Gowns, low neck, deep Hamburg yoke, value 50c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 59c

Women's Muslin Petticoats, lace and Hamburg trimmed, value 75c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 59c

Women's Muslin Petticoats, lace and Hamburg trimmed, value 75c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 69c

Women's Corsets, low bust, long hip, six hose supporters, value \$1.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... 69c

Women's House Dresses, our entire line of \$1.00 Dresses, in all sizes, at..... 89c

Women's House Dresses, made in all the latest models, in a full line of sizes, and variety of colorings—our regular \$1.50 Dresses at..... \$1.39

## Exceptional Glove Values

Women's Elbow Length Silk Gloves, a very serviceable Glove in black and white—SPECIAL PRICE a pair..... 69c

Women's Fine Imported Kid Gloves a soft flexible glove that will give excellent service—SPECIAL PRICE a pair..... 69c

## Special Values In Boys' Clothing

Boys' Reefers, in stylish mixtures and navy serge, value \$6.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$4.85

Boys' Norfolk Suits, in new Spring styles, sizes 6 to 17, value \$5.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$3.85

Boys' Norfolk Suits, navy serge and other Spring colorings, sizes 6 to 18, value \$6.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$4.85

Boys' Norfolk Suits, newest Spring models, sizes 6 to 17, value \$10.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$7.45

## Handkerchief Specials

Women's Satin Border Handkerchiefs, very fine and soft, value 50c—PRICE 3 for 10c, or each..... 34c

Men's Satin Border Handkerchiefs, good full size, value 12½c—PRICE 4 for 25c, or each..... 7c

## Belts—Bags—Side Combs

5-inch Messaline Belts, with buckle, in black and colors, value 50c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 29c

Matting Shopping Bags, with brass catches, at prices—

Size 14—SPECIAL PRICE..... 50c

Size 16—SPECIAL PRICE..... 59c

Size 18—SPECIAL PRICE..... 69c

Assorted lot of Burattas, Side Combs, regular value up to 25c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 9c

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## Embroidery Special Values

18-inch Hamburg Embroidered Flouncings for corset waists and skirts—SPECIAL PRICE a yard..... 19c

22-inch Muslin Embroidered All-over for waists—SPECIAL PRICE a yard..... 39c

18-inch All-over, white and colors, actual value 75c to \$2.00 a yard—SPECIAL PRICE..... 49c

27-inch Muslin Flouncings, small patterns for Baby Dresses—SPECIAL PRICE a yard..... 59c

45-inch Voile Flouncings, embroidered in colors, actual value \$1.50 a yard—SPECIAL PRICE..... 89c

Hamburg Embroidered Edgings, a large assortment of widths patterns—SPECIAL PRICE a yard..... 5c

Val Lace Edgings and Insertings, 12-yard pieces, sold only by the piece—SPECIAL PRICE..... 25c

Rufflings in white and colors, chiffon, shadow lace and plain net—SPECIAL PRICE a yard..... 12c

Neck Rufflings, white and colors, of Maline and Cotton Net, shaped for coats or waists—SPECIAL PRICE each..... 17c

Venise Lace Collars and Chemises, all kinds and shapes—SPECIAL PRICE..... 49c

## Art Department Specials

Muslin Embroidered Shams and Scarfs, white and colors—SPECIAL PRICE..... 15c

18-inch Battenberg Centers round and square, value 50c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 25c

Crash Pillow Tops and Runners to match, with crestone border—SPECIAL PRICE..... 25c

Battenberg Scarfs and Squares all hand-work, value 50c—SPECIAL PRICE..... 59c

## Rugs and Linoleums

Best Quality Seamless Tapestry Rugs, Oriental, floral, and small designs, size 9x12 feet, regular price \$12.75—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$11.45

Wilton Velvet Rugs, suitable designs for parlor and dining room, size 9x12 feet, regular price \$21.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$16.95

SMALL SIZE RUGS AT SPECIAL PRICES

Grass Rugs, size 27x54 inches—SPECIAL PRICE..... 69c

Axmister Rugs, size 27x54 inches, value \$2.25—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$1.69

Grass Rugs, size 36x72 inches, value \$1.50—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$1.09

Axmister Rugs, size 36x72 inches, value \$4.00—SPECIAL PRICE..... \$2.95

PRINTED AND INLAIN LINOLEUMS

Printed Linoleum, our regular 60c quality—PRICE a square yard..... 35c

Printed Linoleum, our regular 50c quality—PRICE a square yard..... 39c

Printed Linoleum, our regular 60c quality—PRICE a square yard..... 45c

Inlaid Linoleum, patterns through to back—PRICE a square yard..... 79c

## Special Ribbon Value

1,000 yards of Fancy Ribbon 4½ to 5½ inches wide, in a big variety of patterns, value 25c and 30c—SPECIAL PRICE a yard..... 19c

## COLUMBIA MEDALLIONS—FREE

When you make a purchase anywhere in this store, ask for a Medallion Check. With this check and purchases amounting to \$10.00 you are entitled to a beautiful Columbia Medallion absolutely FREE. Ask any of our salespeople about it.

## Women's and Misses' Spring Apparel

New Spring Suits, Coats, Waists and Dresses

## SPECIAL VALUES FOR MERCHANTS' WEEK

Women's and Misses' New Spring Suits at \$9.98

This is a remarkable offering—newest Spring models in Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits, silk-lined, in black, navy, tan and Copenhagen—Special value at \$9.98.

Women's and Misses' Smart Tailored Suits, materials are wool crepe, serge and some fancy weaves, Suits that sell regularly up to \$20.00—Special price..... \$15.00

Women's and Misses' Spring Serge Coats, in all colors—Balmacaans in gray and fancy weaves in all the newest shades—Very special value for Merchants' Week..... \$ 7.50

Women's and Misses' Spring Coats—cravensated, Balmacaans in all the newest models, made of fine quality gingham and percale, sizes 6 to 14 years—these are actual \$1.00 and \$1.25 values at..... \$ 2.98

## Children's Wear for Merchants' Week

Children's White Serge Coats, excellent quality serge, trimmed with silk embroidery—Very special value at..... \$1.75

Children's Colored Dresses, particularly smart styles, materials are percales, gingham and chambrays, sizes 2 to 14 years—these are remarkable value at 47c..... 79c

## Remarkable Spring Millinery Great Reductions

Extraordinary Offerings for Merchants' Week

Nowhere outside of this store are values such as these to be had. They are forcible illustrations of our superior buying facilities.

Trimmed Sailors at 29c

Women's Black Sailors, with black silk band, a good serviceable Hat for ordinary wear, regular 69c value at 29c.

Women's Dress Hats at \$1.98

100 Women's Fine Dress Hats in all the newest shapes and colorings, materials alone are worth what we ask for the Hats all trimmed, regular \$3.98 Hats at \$1.98.

Women's Dress Hats at \$2.98

200 Women's Fine Dress Hats—model Hats from a leading New York Milliner—every Hat a distinct design, regular \$3.58 and \$4.00 Hats at \$2.98.

Women's Dress Hats at \$3.98

This is the greatest value of all—Women's Fine Dress Hats, made of finest imported hemp brand in all the fashionable shapes and colorings, regular \$5.00 and \$7.50 values at \$3.98.

Many other remarkable values in Millinery for Merchants' Week—Street Wear Hats, Untrimmed Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Etc.

chief engineer of the Isthmus railway; J. O. Schneider, J. L. Oldson, S. D. Harris and wife and attorney and Mr. and Mrs. George McComber.

An indirect report received here today from Mexico City said that a mob attempted to burn the terminal of the Mexican railway, but was prevented by President Huerta's troops.

The Mexicans are concentrating all the locomotives and rolling stock of the Mexican railway and concentrating them at Ajacac, an hour's run south of the capital. All the engineers of that line have been held and sent to Orizaba. The train despatcher at Orizaba was arrested, but released later and told to leave.

English Engineers in Mexican Jail. Washington, April 24.—English engineers of the Mexican National railway have been arrested by Mexican federal authorities and placed in jail at Orizaba, according to a despatch to the navy department dated Vera Cruz at 3:24 p. m. today. The chief despatcher, an American, was arrested but later released.

Michigan "Aggies" Ready for Call. Mich., April 24.—Should President Wilson issue a call for volunteers a battalion known as the Michigan Aggies composed of students at the Michigan Agricultural college, will be among the first to respond. Two hundred and fifty of the students have already signed an agreement to volunteer. If the opportunity presents itself. The Michigan Agri-

Badger Forces Strongly Posted. Washington, April 24.—Rear Admiral Badger at Vera Cruz reported to the navy department tonight that his forces at Vera Cruz were so strongly posted that no attack from the Mexicans was expected at present. He said that there had been no further casualties and that the wounded were doing well.

There are 3,74,399 Jews in Europe.

## LONDON COMMENT

## ON WILSON ACTION

While Severely Criticizing It, Acknowledges It Was Justifiable.

London, April 24.—While acknowledging that on broad grounds the action of the American government toward Mexico is justified, the Nation today severely criticizes President Wilson for what it terms his giving as a pretext for such action the refusal by President Huerta to apologize in act and form as prescribed, for the brief detention of American bluejackets in Tampico.

"By singling out this incident," says the Nation, "as an excuse for an action which amounts to war Mr. Wilson has done more to lower the standard of international morality than all his fine utterances in the past have done to raise it. A statesman who interferes to restore order may argue that at some cost of lives and treasure he is putting an end to intolerable violence and cruelty, but the statesman who declares that he is restoring order by a point of honor is a lapse into barbaric morals which would be more natural in some Prussian colonel in an Alsatian garrison than in a humanitarian president of a civilized republic."

The Saturday Review says: "We trust congress will find means to express the general view that now

that American troops have been landed in Mexico they cannot return until a stable and satisfactory government is established in Mexico City. If that intention is avowed the United States can feel certain that their action will be watched with sympathy and approval by the other great powers."

MANY ENLISTMENTS MADE AT CHICAGO

Recruits Make Application at Rate of Seven an Hour.

Chicago, April 24.—Men for the army were being enlisted at the recruiting stations here today at the rate of seven an hour. Many applicants failed to pass the necessary physical test and several who withstood the physical tests were rejected because they were under age.

## GEN. VILLA REPEATS NEUTRALITY DECLARATION

Says Carranza Message Was Misunderstood—Friendly to United States.

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—The international political situation cleared greatly today as affecting the status of the rebel government and that of the United States. This city and Juarez were perfectly quiet. A long note from Secretary Bryan to Carranza was transmitted through Juarez to Chihuahua tonight.

General Francisco Villa, who arrived at Juarez yesterday, repeated his declaration that he would not be drawn into a war with the United States, particularly as that would serve to draw the Huerta chestnuts out of the fire. He repeated these assertions to George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department, and to newspaper men and many other visitors.

To J. T. McClammy, his cattle agent on this side of the river, he said: "It's that little drunkard Huerta's fight, let him fight it. I wish I had ten million cartridges right now. I'd march into Mexico City without a stop."

Villa said Carranza's note had been misunderstood, and that the first chief was as friendly as Villa himself to the United States. Robert V. Pequeña and other Carranza representatives here said an identical expression in common use in Mexico was literally interpreted in the translation

## Carranza's note to Secretary Bryan last Wednesday.

The translation made Carranza say that he had desired to avoid war with the United States "until" today.

"As a matter of fact the expression meant that although his friend, the United States, had done a wrongful act and had thereby injured a friend (Carranza), he desired to avoid war and always would desire to avoid it," explained Pequeña.

Villa frankly took the position that he would like to avail himself of the fire in effect aid from the United States forces to prosecute his campaign. His wish for ten million cartridges, however, could not be gratified today as the embargo was on again and five rapid firers which were brought to the city were taken back.

Villa was given to understand that the embargo was temporary and he said that he acquiesced in any measures taken to relieve the strain of present relations.

Traffic to Juarez was again closed tonight. In El Paso the troops were ordered to the city reinforced by the rapid firers which were brought to the city with the rebels in that district against the United States is not the only federal who has made similar overtures and been contemptuously rebuffed. He said a similar proposition was made by the Huerta commander

## at Monterey and by a committee representing Huertistas in El Paso.

AMERICANS THREATENED WITH EXECUTION.

Held as Prisoners Between Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

Vera Cruz, Mexico City.—Seven Americans, prisoners of Mexican soldiers, are being held at Cordoba or Orizaba, on the line of the Mexican railway, between here and the capital, four of whom at least are threatened with execution, according to authentic information received here tonight. Four of the Americans were taken from a train on the Vera Cruz-Juarez line at Terra Blanca and further along at Motozintla station three other Americans and an Englishman were seized.

Those captured at Terra Blanca were W. A. Mangum, superintendent of the railroad; Engineer Elliott and Conductors Riley and Hart. At Motozintla, Edward